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### AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification, replacing the originally filed paragraph on page 5, lines 18 – 32, with the following paragraph, which includes marked changes:

Figure 1 is a plan view of an exemplary, non-limiting embodiment of a diaper 20 of the present invention in its flat-out, uncontracted state (i.e., without elastic induced contraction) with portions of the structure being cut away to more clearly show the underlying structure of the diaper 20 and with the portion of the diaper 20 which contacts the wearer facing the viewer. The diaper 20 includes a longitudinal axis 1000 and a lateral axis 1100. One end portion 36 of the diaper 20 is configured as a first waist region 36 of the diaper 20. The opposite end portion 38 is configured as a second waist region 38 of the diaper 20. An intermediate portion 37 of the diaper 20 is configured as a crotch region 37, which extends longitudinally between the first and second waist regions 36 and 38. The waist regions 36 and 38 generally comprise those portions of the diaper 20 which, when worn, encircle the waist of the wearer. The waist regions 36 and 38 may include elastic elements such that they gather about the waist of the wearer to provide improved fit and containment. The crotch region 37 is that portion of the diaper 20 which, when the diaper 20 is worn, is generally positioned between the legs of the wearer. The outer periphery of diaper 20 is defined by longitudinal edges 14 and end edges 10, 12 which are located along the first and second waist region 36, 38, respectively. The diaper 20 also includes elastics 42, 44, 52, and 54, each with a first and second end.